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November 16, 2001



BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Giovanni TRAVERSO, Orsola PAIS GOLIN, Luca RAZZETTI, Lucia

BIANCHI, Santo MAGGIO

IMPROVED INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONOUS HIERARCHY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

Assignee: ALCATEL Our Ref. Q67311

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 17 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 - 20	=	X	\$18.00 =	\$.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=	X	\$84.00 =	\$.00
Base Fee			_		\$740.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$740.00
Recordation of Assignment					\$40.00
TOTAL FEE					\$780.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 30, 2000 based on Italian Application No. TO2000A001117. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

> Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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By:

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Giovanni TRAVERSO, et al.

Attorney Docket Q67311

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PROPOSED CORRECTIONS TO FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents

ATTENTION: OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto please find two sheets of proposed corrections to the formal drawings (Figure 3 has been relabeled as "Figure 4" and Table 3 has been labeled as Figure 3). Changes have been made in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application to conform the specification to the corrected drawings. Acknowledgement and approval is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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